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SUBJECT: ARREST OF COMMUNIST GROUP IN EGYPT

1. CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 3 REPORTS THAT STATE SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
DEPARTMENT ARRESTED COMMUNIST RING CONSISTING OF OVER TWENTY PERSONS
(FIVE OF THEM WOMEN) ON JULY 3. REPORTEDLY, GROUP HAD BEEN UNDER
SURVEILLANCE SINCE SUMMER OF 1974 AND HAD TIES BOTH TO LEBANESE
COMMUNISTS AND TO UNNAMED QTE EXTREMIST COMMUNIST MOVEMENT UNQTE IN
FRANCE. REPORTS STATE THAT TWO LEBANESE COMMUNISTS, MAZAHIM TAKRITI
AND ABD AL-QADIR SHAKIR, WHO FINANCED AND TRAINED EGYPTIAN GROUP,
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DURING JULY 3 ARRESTS.

2. COMMENT: FIRST EDITION OF AKHBAR AL-YAWM JULY 5 CARRIED ARTICLE
CONCERNING ARRESTS OF EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS, BUT STORY WAS DROPPED IN
LATER EDITIONS AND NEVER CARRIED IN OTHER LOCAL DAILIES. FACT THAT
CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 3 SIMULTANEOUSLY ANNOUNCED EXECUTION IN
DAMASCUS OF FIVE COMMUNISTS CHARGED WITH TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR TIMING OF OFFICIAL SURFACING OF EGYPTIAN
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ACTION AGAINST COMMUNISTS.

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